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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 1590

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SUBJECT: REPORTED FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATION
FEDERAL MARITIME ACT.

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1. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 10 CARRIED AP ITEM DATELINED NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, REPORTING THAT QUOTE: A GROUP OF TAIWANESE AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WERE INDICTED TUESDAY ON CHARGES THEY TRIED TO BRIBE AN AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER TO SUPPRESS AN INVESTIGATION SOWING THEY HAD DEFRAUDED THE UNITED STATES OUT OF \$2.7MILLION. END QUOTE. THE INDICTMENT REPORTEDLY SAID THE OFFICER HAD UNCOVERED VIOLATIONS OF THE 1946 FEDERAL MARITIME ACT. ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT QUOTE: OFFICIALS SAID EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO ARREST THE THREE MEN LIVING OVERSEAS, BUT THEY NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO EXTRADITION TREATIES WITH TAIWAN..., AND THAT THE THREE MEN HAVE POWERFUL CONNECTIONS IN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.

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2. EMBASSY HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE CHINESE DEFENDANTS REPORTEDLY NAMED IN THE INDICTMENT, "ALEX CHANG OF TAIPEI" MAY REPEAT MAY BE CHANG FU-TSUNG (CHANG FU-CHONG,
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1728/6534/1350) WHO IS CURRENTLY TRAVELLING IN UNITED

STATES WITH GROUP OF ROC OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN ENGAGED
IN NEGOTIATING GRAIN PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, GROUP
WILL BE IN CHICAGO AT CONRAD HILTON HOTEL UNTIL THURSDAY
MORNING MARCH 11, WHENCE IT SCHEDULED TO PROCEED TO DES
MOINES, IOWA, STAYING AT RAMADA INN - DOWNTOWN; GROUP WILL
DEPART DES MOINES MARCH 13 FOR ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS,
STAYING AT THE HOLIDAY INN - RIVERMONT UNTIL MARCH 16.
REMAINDER OF ITINERARY IN U.S. UP TO TIME GROUP SCHEDULED TO
DEPART LOS ANGELES ON APRIL 3 FOR TOKYO AND TAIPEI CAN BE
PROVIDED IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES. END CONFIDENTIAL UNGER

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